

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AN UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL (UIC) CLASS V EXPERIMENTAL PERMIT FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this public notice is to solicit public comments on the proposal by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to issue a UIC permit to inject fluids underground through a Class V Experimental injection well. The applicant is the City of Los Angeles located at the following address:

Bureau of Sanitation
Department of Public Works
City of Los Angeles
1149 S. Broadway St.
Los Angeles, California 90015

The draft permit is proposed for the demonstration of an innovative experimental technology, whereby the City of Los Angeles' Class A and Class B treated municipal biosolids would be blended with treatment plant waste water (creating a "bioslurry") and injected into a sandstone approximately one mile below the surface of the ground. The sources of the biosolids are the Terminal Island Treatment Plant, the Hyperion Treatment Plant, the Carson Treatment Plant and the Orange County Treatment Plant.

The regulated activity shall occur at the City's **Terminal Island Treatment Plant site**. The Treatment plant is located **within the County of Los Angeles in the city of San Pedro at 445 Ferry St. (zip code 90731), on the east side of Terminal Island, an artificial, industrially-zoned island, surrounded by the Los Angeles Main Channel, the Cerritos Channel, the Back Channel and San Pedro Bay.**

Based on a review of the proposed well construction, operation standards, monitoring requirements, and the existing geologic setting, EPA believes the activities allowed under the proposed draft permit are protective of underground sources of drinking water, as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act.

EPA has made a preliminary determination to approve the City's permit application. This action is being taken as provided by Part C of the Safe Drinking Water Act and pursuant to Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 124, 144, 146, and 147.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

All non-proprietary data submitted by the applicant, as well as the draft permit are contained in the Administrative Record for these proposed injection wells. This information is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the location listed below:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9

Region 9 Library or Ground Water Office, WTR-9
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105
Attention: George Robin
telephone: (415) 972-3532
robin.george@epa.gov

The draft permit and statement of basis are available online at:
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/groundwater/uic-permits.html>

A copy of the draft permit and statement of basis are also available at the following locations:

Los Angeles Central Public Library
630 W. 5th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Los Angeles Harbor Gateway – Harbor City Branch Library
1555 W. Sepulveda Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90501

Los Angeles San Pedro Regional Branch Library
931 S. Gaffey St.
San Pedro, CA 90731

Los Angeles Wilmington Branch Library
1300 N. Avalon Blvd.
Wilmington, CA 90744

Long Beach Public Library Main Location
101 Pacific Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90822

CA Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources
Cypress District 1 Office
5816 Corporate Avenue, Ste. 200
Cypress, CA 90630

The public comment period begins on June 4, 2006 and ends on July 19, 2006. All written comments on the draft permit can be sent, faxed, or e-mailed to George Robin using the contact information listed above. George Robin is also available by phone for any questions regarding the draft permit

During the public comment period, any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing. All persons, including the applicant, who object to any condition of the draft permit or EPA's decision to prepare a

draft permit must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments supporting their position by the close of the comment period (40 CFR §124.13).

FINAL PERMIT DECISION AND APPEAL PROCESS

After the close of the public comment period, EPA will review and consider all comments and issue a final permit decision. A response to comments will be sent to the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permit decision. The response to comments and notification will contain: a response to all significant comments on the draft permit, the final decision, any permit conditions that are changed and the reasons for the changes, and procedures for appealing the decision. The final decision shall be to either issue or deny the permit. The final decision shall become effective thirty (30) days after the service of the notice of decision. Within thirty (30) days after the final permit decision has been issued, any person who filed comments on the draft permit or participated in a public hearing, or who takes issue with any changes in the draft permit, may petition the Environmental Appeals Board to review any condition of the permit decision. Commenters are referred to 40 CFR §124.19 for procedural requirements of the appeal process.